Mine Accidents

168. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the accidents in various mines during the last three years and the number of workers killed in each of them;

(b) the main reason for these accidents; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken for the safety of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Details of the accidents that took place in various mines during the last three years and the number of person killed in these accidents are given below:-

Years/Mineral	No. of Fatal Accidents	No. of persons killed
1994		
Coal	156	241
Metal	57	80
Oil	4	6
1995		
Coal	137	219
Metal	58	66
Oil	8	8
1996		
Coal	133	149
Metal	62	72
Oil	9	10

N.B. Data for the year 1996 are provisional.

These accidents occured mainly due to the fall of roof, fall of sides, rope haulage, Dumpers & Trucks, explosive fall of persons and fall of objects etc.

(c) Provisions for safety of persons employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952, and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. The Safety laws are kept under constant review and amended from time to time. The Directorate General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to the management for improving safety measures. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mine managements. The officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety inspect the mines periodically to oversee the status of compliance with the safety provisions, and take action as provided for under the Mines Act, 1952, in case of default.

Besides these legal measures, the Government is promoting a number of other initiatives, in this regard. Important among these are:

(a) Conference on Safety in mines,

(b) Self-regulation by management,

(c) Workers' participation in Safety management,

(d) Tripartite and Bipartite reviews at various levels,

(e) Training of work-persons,

(f) Observance of Safety Weeks and Safety compaigns,

(g) National Safety Awards.

[Translation]

Expenditure on Health and Care Activities

169. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN:

SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the per-capita amount spent on health care activities in each State and Union Territory to achieve the goal of health for all as on March, 31, 1997, as compared to previous year;

(b) the total amount spent on medicines as well as to prevent diseases separately during each of the last three years upto March 31, 1997 in such State/Union Territory; and

(c) the amount earmarked or likely to be spent in 1997-98 and also during the Ninth Five Year Plan for health care activities in each State and Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per the information available from the Central Statistical Organisation, a statement showing Government expenditure on public health and also the per-capita expenditure on health, State/UT-wise, is attached. This is exclusive of expenditure on family welfare. Expenditure on public health by local authorities is not included.

(c) The Central health & family welfare including ISM and Homoeopathy sectors plan outlays for 1997-98 are as under:

	(Rs. in crore)
Health	920.20
Family Welfare	1829.35
ISM & Homoeopathy	35.30

The Central/State health sector outlays for the Ninth Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.